



**Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Mental Health Committee Minutes
Monday, February 14, 2022**

Team Members Present:

Dan Thompson (Co-Chair)	Jon Martin	Angie Wollenhaupt
Vicki Seibel-Garvey	Michelle Larsuel	Mary Madden
Danielle Birdeau	Maura McMahan	

Team Members Absent:

Elizabeth Aldred (Co-Chair)	Andy Dresang	Hon. Maria Lazar
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Others Present:

Rebecca Luczaj	Kirk Yauchler (proxy for Aldred)	Chris Bailey
Jennifer Wrucke	Mandie Reedy	Sue Opper
Jason Fink	Sonia Schneider	Alex Klosterman

Co-Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Approve Minutes from December 15, 2021

Motion: Larsuel moved, second by Madden, to approve the Mental Health Committee minutes of December 15, 2021. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Discuss and Consider Committee Membership Changes

Motion: McMahan moved, second by Madden, to add Christopher Bailey, Court Commissioner, as a member of the CJCC Mental Health Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Motion: Birdeau moved, second by Bailey, to replace Andy Dresang, Froedtert Health Community Engagement Director with Mandie Reedy, Froedtert Health Community Engagement Coordinator, as a member of the CJCC Mental Health Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Discuss Summons vs In-Custody Initial Appearances for Chapter 51 Clients with Pending Criminal Charges who are at Inpatient Facilities

Bailey stated that defendants charged with non-violent, victimless crimes who have a mental health episode are being sent to the Mental Health Center (MHC) and are stabilizing with medications and therapy. His concern lies in that after the defendant is stabilized, they are being transported over to the jail, which is potentially detrimental to their mental health progress. Bailey suggested that the committee brainstorm about options that could be utilized in lieu of law enforcement having to conduct the transport.

McMahan reminded attendees that this committee worked on utilizing video conferencing between the Mental Health Center and the courts; however, this process has not been utilized for quite some time.

Martin expressed a concern about the option of asking the client/patient to sign a release for the records, as the client/patient may not have a lawyer yet and may not be comfortable releasing their records.

Opper suggested reviewing the process that was previously in place for video conferencing.

Bailey left at 12:17 p.m.

Birdeau stated that due to staff turnover at the MHC, staff would need to be retrained on the process.

Luczaj will coordinate a meeting between Opper, Jeff Lewis, Commissioner Bailey, and others to revisit the process.

Update on Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Grant Implementation

Wrucke distributed and reviewed a document titled, "Crisis Stabilization Case Study" and provided an overview of crisis stabilization. If there is an unwilling person whom law enforcement knows has mental health issues and needs medication, Wrucke stated that the law enforcement officer should make a referral to HHS Crisis Services, who will reach out to that person.

Overview of 2021 Crisis Services Outcomes

Wrucke distributed and reviewed a document titled, "2021 Data Report: Waukesha County DHHS Crisis Intervention." Wrucke stated that about 15-20% of the calls to crisis originate from the jail.

Thompson expressed a concern that calls involving Winnebago still have officers sitting for 12+ hours.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) / Crisis Intervention Partners (CIP) Training Update

Madden reported that CIT training will be held on March 21 – 25 and 29 officers have signed up, including from Brookfield and Hartland.

NAMI Southeast Wisconsin is also hiring another CIT Coordinator, with a law enforcement background, around mid-year

Announcements

Yauchler stated that Winnebago has been experiencing some COVID-related staffing issues.

Granite Hills opened on January 17 in West Allis. At this time, Granite Hills is only accepting Milwaukee County residents, but will be looking to open to Waukesha County residents in the future. The facility has approximately 120 beds with areas specifically for geriatric and youth patients. The facility will also have Peer Specialists on staff.

Bailey returned at 12:51 p.m.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- JMHCP grant update
- Follow-up on video court appearances for Mental Health Center patients with pending criminal charges
- CIT update
- Discuss mental health court

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Birdeau moved, second by Madden, to adjourn the meeting at 12:56 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.